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EASTER revival services begin Wednesday, March 25th.

REV. W. A. BODELL will assist us in our pre-Easter services. He will preach his first sermon Sabbath morning, March 29th.

MRS. DAVID WALTERS will give the Missionary Tea, Thursday P. M., March 26th. Supper from 5:30 to 6:30. Every person invited.

APRIL 1st, the Financial Secretary will furnish all the members of the church, as usual, statements of their payments to the church during the 1st quarter of 1896.

THE subscriptions given on dedication day, for the new church, will be due Apr. 1. Some have already paid their obligations. Make your payments to C. H. Gumpfer.

THIS issue closes the Seventh Volume of the VISITOR. All subscriptions expire with this issue. Is your subscription paid up?

THE ladies of the church are busy preparing for their May festival. Let all the members do what they can to make this festival a great success.

THE social held by the ladies of the 1st Section March 5th, was well attended. The supper was one of the very best and every person had a good, social time. The ladies netted over \$30.00.

THE ladies of the church, constituting the Second Section, will give a supper and entertainment in April. The ladies of this Section will have a meeting Wednesday evening March 25th, after the services, to arrange for their social.

OUR Sabbath evening services are well attended and much interest is manifested. At every service there are those who ask prayers for themselves or for friends. The pastor expects to continue his illustrated sermons during the month of April.

EASTER REVIVAL MEETINGS.

Evangelistic services will be held during the Easter season, beginning Wednesday evening, March 25th, and continuing every evening until Easter, April 5th. Mr. Boddell will be here by Saturday evening March 28th, and will remain with us during the following week. He has been greatly blest in his evangelistic work during the past year and we are looking forward to a very precious season of grace during the time he shall be with us. We shall expect that the members of the Church will so arrange their affairs that they can attend all the services of the Easter Season.

They should also take special pains to invite and bring their friends to these meetings. Easter morning we will have our communion service, and also receive applicants for Church membership.

PREPARATION FOR A WORK OF GRACE.

When John the Baptist came preaching in the Wilderness of Judea, his text was, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord—make His paths straight."

As preparation was necessary for Christ's coming when He came in the flesh, so preparation will be necessary for His coming in the Spirit. We need not look for His physical presence, but now by His spiritual presence He will come and manifest Himself in power if the way has been prepared, "the crooked places made straight and the rough places made smooth."

Never did He turn anyone away when they came to Him in faith for help. When that father came to Him saying, "come heal my son ere he die," He went straightway and healed the son. When the centurion came saying, "only speak the word and my servant shall be healed," He spake the word and that same hour he was healed. Christ no longer goes about healing the bodily diseases of men but now by His spiritual presence He is willing to be present to heal the more hideous disease of the soul—Sin; and if there has been earnest, prayerful preparation made He will come and heal those who with this terrible disease are drawn unto death.

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.

There are several things I desire to suggest, the doing of which will prepare for the coming of the Lord. The first is

PRAYER.

Revivals are not worked up, they are prayed down. Revival fires are kindled by the breath of prayer. A revival is not an excitement, it is the Spirit's gracious visitation. The great need is to pray with the prophet of old: "Oh Lord, revive thy work." The first revival was the result of a ten days' prayer meeting. I believe there might again be a Pentecost, if the people in one place with one accord would pray for it. No amount of preaching or

planning or working will beget a revival, unless the Holy Spirit be present to convict of sin and of righteousness and of judgement, and to take of the things of Christ and to show them unto men; and it is very doubtful whether the Holy Spirit has ever been present except by the earnest request and prayer of God's people.

It is said that Jno Livingston went into a small village in Scotland, the Kirk of Schotts, and on a Monday morning out in the open air, in a drizzling rain and chilly atmosphere he preached to a throng and five hundred souls gave their hearts to the Lord under the spell of the hour. On the following Thursday, in a neighboring town, in the open air, underneath a bright sky, and in a glowing sun, to a much larger throng, he preached the same sermon and with much more power as he felt, but not one soul was born into the kingdom of God. Where was the difference. In the preacher? The same preacher preached. In the sermon? The same sermon was preached. In the surroundings? The surroundings were more favorable the last time than the first. No! No! At the first place when they heard of his coming, the Christian people of the community gathered together and prayed that the Lord might bless his coming; at the second place there had been no prayers for a blessing upon his coming.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord. But, you say, what shall we prepare for? I would suggest but one thing. *Faith*. "Faith is the Victory." "According to your faith so be it unto you." "Thy faith hath saved thee." "Thy faith hath made thee whole." "Only believe, and thou shalt see the glory of God," were Christ's assuring words. All whom Christ healed were healed through their own faith, or on the ground of the faith of their friends. Perhaps the palsied man was healed, not so much through his own faith as through the faith of the four that brought him and

let him down through the roof in the presence of the Master. We need not pray much for the salvation of friends, but need to pray very much for faith on the ground of which God will grant their salvation. Often do we need to pray this prayer: "Lord increas our faith." "I believe, but help Thou mine unbelief,"

Then we can prepare the way by work. "We need to pray with our feet." We might pray a long time for people to come to our meeting but we need too, to go out into the highways and hedges and compel men to come in. If we have the faith we will have the works. "Faith without works is dead." There is no such a thing as faith without works. James spoke of faith without works because people thought there was such a thing: but he said there was no such a thing when he said, "Faith without works is dead," and a thing that is dead is no more. There is no such a thing as faith without works. If we have the faith we will have the works. If we believe that the Lord will come among us in power then we will also prepare the way for His coming. If we make no preparation it is because we have no faith for his coming.

You remember the widow whose sons were about to be taken from her as a security for the debt, because she was unable to pay. When the prophet Elisha came to her and saw her in sore straits he said unto her, "What hast thou in thy house?" And she replied, "Only a little bit of oil." And he said unto her, "Go borrow vessels, borrow not a few." And the servant went and borrowed vessels not a few: and then the prophet commanded them to pour out the oil, and when the vessels were full the oil stayed. She was blest just as much as she had capacity for receiving—no more, no less. When the vessels were full the oil stayed. The Lord never squanders a blessing. We will have just such a blessing as we are prepared to receive. If we

believe that he will pour us out a blessing then we will also borrow the vessels: yea, more, we borrow just as many as we believe He will fill. He saith; "Dig the ditches and I will fill them." If we do not dig them it is because we do not believe that He will fill them. Our work will be the thermometer of our faith. If our work is weak it is because our faith is low.

Then we can prepare the way by preparing our own hearts. The Lord works through human agencies. He will work through you and me if our hearts are right in His sight. "Behold," He saith, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him." If He can find such a one, he will show himself strong in his behalf. Will you be such a one my reader? We need to pray, "Search me, oh God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me." "Create within me a clean heart, oh God and renew a right spirit within me." "Then shall I teach transgressors thy way and sinners shall be converted unto Thee."

It is said that power manifests itself in the direction of the least resistance. If there is anything in the way of the manifestation of the power of God it must be taken away. If there is anything that will resist the work of grace in our heart it must be put away—else we may resist the Holy Ghost. The most important preparation is that of your own hearts, that God may work in us and through us and by us. "Behold," he saith, "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite heart." May the Lord help us to smite on our breasts and say as did the poor Publican, "Oh God, be merciful to me a sinner."

The Lord bless you and make you a blessing.

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MRS. FONCANON has returned from her visit with her daughter at Geneva, Ohio. She says she had a very pleasant visit.

MRS. ARLA PASCHAL has now fully recovered from her attack of sickness and we are glad to see her out to the services again.

MRS. EDWARD SIEBOLD has been seriously ill since the latter part of February. She is on the way to recovery and is able to be about in her room.

THE following are recent accessions to the Church: February 23d, David Walters and Charles Yerk; March 8th, Jennie Riley and Lena Warner.

CHARLES YERK, residing on Lasalle street, and who was received into the Church February 23th, has been very ill but is now slowly recovering.

DEACON GEO. HESSERD, has been very kind. He has been paving the alley in the rear of the parsonage lot with cinders, which makes it very much pleasanter for the pastor to get in and out of his barn.

CLAIR LIKELY, one of the pupils in the primary Sabbath School has been very sick with pneumonia. He has recovered so far that we shall expect to see him in his accustomed place soon again.

After an illness of only a few days our esteemed friend and brother, Rev. John P. Lloyd departed this life on Thursday afternoon, March the 5th. In the death of this aged brother the city lost one of its most highly esteemed citizens, and the Church an honored servant of the Lord. Father Lloyd was the friend of all and beloved by all. Grace Church especially feels its loss very sensibly. Since our pastorate with the church Dr. Lloyd has been with us so continuously in our services and social gatherings that we shall miss him very greatly. He always manifested a very deep interest in the growth and general welfare of the Church and we are very certain that our people esteemed him very highly, and were always delighted to have him with us in our services. During the time in which our new church was in process of erection, he took a great interest in the work as it was progressing and no one was more delighted with the church when it was completed than Father Lloyd. He spoke in the very highest terms of the arrangement and beauty of the church. Dr. Lloyd attended but one service since the Chapman meetings in December, and that was at Grace church, Sabbath morning February 16th. At this service he offered the prayer after the reading of the scripture lesson, and pronounced the benediction. We had no thought upon this occasion that this might be the last time he would be permitted to worship with us. We shall always remember his earnest and beautiful prayers, and his fervent appeals to the people. His labors are now completed and his work was well done. His beautiful life is ended here. Yet though dead, he still speaketh. He has gone from our midst, but only gone up higher. He is now one of that great assembly that worships in the temple of our God above. While in great suffering at times during

his late illness, he was resigned, and cheerfully bore all his suffering, for it was his Lord's way and will with him. For a period of two or three hours before death came he was in constant communion with God, and finally passed away as peacefully as a child falls asleep in its mother's arms. His last words were :

"Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to—

Here his voice failed, and he passed over and the remaining part of the sentence was only heard on the other side.

Dr. Lloyd was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, March 22d, 1814. He was of christian parentage and at an early period in life made a public profession of faith, and entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in 1839. For a period of 52 years he was in the active ministry. Since 1881 he has been a resident of your city.

A public memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church Sabbath afternoon, March 8th, at which addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Moffat, Rev. J. L. Leeper and the pastor. The burial was held on Monday morning March 6th from the family residence on East Berry Street. The family have the united sympathy of the city and their many friends in their great sorrow and bereavment.

Address delivered by the pastor at the memorial services of REY. J. P. LLOYD, at the First Presbyterian Church, Sabbath afternoon, March 5th, 1895.

My Friends:—

The words which we bring to you to-day and offer in grateful and loving remembrance of our departed friend and brother, we speak in-behalf of the members and pastor of the Grace Reformed Church.

We are deeply sensible of the fact that in the death of Father Lloyd the city lost one of its most highly esteemed citizens and one who had at heart the best interests of our people and of the kingdom of God among us. But we are also deeply sensible

of the fact that as a Church we have lost a faithful friend and co-worker; one who has been closely identified with us in our work, and who has been to our people a spiritual father and a source of great comfort and help.

Among the very first acquaintances that I made when I came to the city, eight years ago, was that of Dr. Lloyd. Our acquaintance soon grew into mutual friendship, and a very warm attachment for each other. And as these months and years have been passing by the bond of love and friendship continued growing stronger and stronger, and I am certain that we shall feel in our home and in our Church very deeply the loss of this friend and father.

He was a very frequent visitor at our home and I am sure that no one ever came to our door for whom we had a higher esteem and a more cordial welcome than we had for Dr. Lloyd. We did not at all want to feel or seem to be selfish, but we had such a warm attachment and love for him that we did feel that he was one of us in our home and in our Church.

We spent many moments together in prayer and talking over the work of the Lord, and in the study of God's word. Those were to me very precious moments and shall always be remembered. Father Lloyd was a very faithful student of the Word of God. And I always felt certain that he had the proper method for the study of this Book. First of all he came to this Book in the right spirit. He came to it as a man who comes to hear the Lord speak to him. He accepted this Book as the word of God from the beginning to the end. Then he studied the Book prayerfully, and he studied it under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He had one aim in the study of this Book, namely, that he might know what is "that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I shall never forget how delighted he was many times when he came to our

home. He had made some new discovery while in the reading and study of the Word. The Lord had shown him some new things and he came to tell us of them. He had a wonderful insight into the Word of God, and his one great joy of heart was to search into it, that he might know the mind of God. I am not at all surprised that in his last days of life, when even sight and strength and mind seemed to fail that he still wanted to be reading his Bible; and when he could not do this, he wanted his Bible placed under his pillow, that he might rest his head upon it, as if the mere fact of having the book near to him would light up the way for him and comfort his heart.

When with us on the Sabbath, or in the mid-week meeting, he always took part in the service. He led in prayer and often spoke a word of exhortation to the people. His prayers were always full of feeling and unction. They were upliftings of his heart and soul to God; and then as he prayed he lifted up others with him into the presence of God where they might feed upon God's love and grace. His exhortations were stirring appeals to the hearts of the people by which he sought to bring conviction to them, and to rivet the truth. He had but one message for the people and that was, Christ and him crucified. He had great confidence in the power of God's word. He believed it was the power of God unto salvation for everyone that believeth. Our people were always glad to hear him, and esteemed him very highly as a brother and as a servant of the Lord. He was earnest in his method of address, and simple in his teachings. Affectionate in his disposition, full of sympathy and love, and above all, beautiful in character and strong in the faith. By his frequent mingling with us in our services and social gatherings, as by his words and deeds, he endeared himself to our people. Even the children of the church, to whom he often

addressed himself, had a great love for him, and I am sure we feel the loss of one who has been so kind and so much of a comfort to us, very sensibly.

His words, his counsel, and his memory shall linger with us. Though he is gone, he shall still speak to us, and be an inspiration to us. And we have this blessed assurance that by and by when our work is done, we shall go to meet him and be with him and all our sainted dead forever. His work is done. It was *well done*. And he has gone to his reward. He is now at rest and peace forever, and wears the crown with many stars and that never fades.

MARRIED.

M. James E. Fairfield and Miss Catherine M. Cordrey were united in marriage at the parsonage, Wednesday afternoon, March 4th. They are both very pleasant and congenial young people, and we prophesy for them a very happy future. They reside at 620 E. Wayne Street. Mr. Cyrus Zimmer and Miss Mamie Whitley were attendants.

COMMITTEES OF THE MENS' LEAGUE.

Finance.—L. W. Hills, G. W. Soliday, E. A. Close.

Invitation and Welcome.—G. W. Soliday, F. D. Paulus, S. Dukeman, L. W. Hills, P. J. Archer, C. H. Gumpfer, S. Wertman, J. Lonergan.

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Lookout.—Walter Close, Chas. Knight, W. Walters.

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AUTUMN FLOWERS.

BY REV. J. P. LLOYD.

Beautiful flowers, that bloom in the fall;
 Beautiful flowers, I love you all.
 Blooming so sweetly and blooming so late,
 Seem ye like piety smiling at fate.

All of thy summer companions are gone;
 Their mission is ended, but thine runs on.
 Their mission was one of beauty and love,
 A mission to man from the God above.

They told of His goodness, kindness and care,
 As they breathed their fragrance through all
 the air.

Their brightness and beauty delighting the eye,
 Filled earth with glory, as stars do the sky.

Charming and eloquent preachers were they,
 On the hills, in the vales, by the side of the way;
 From the clift of the rocks, in the desert wild,
 And in gardens they preached to man and child.

Their story some told at the early dawn,
 And ceased when the burning hours came on.
 Some spread out their sweetly prophetic leaves,
 'Mid the falling dews of the summer eves.

But now, e'er the summer its course had run,
 The mission of these, thy companions, was done,
 And they in their beauty have perished and gone,
 While you, sweet flowers of Autumn, live on.

Yet the frosts are here, and the chill winds blow,
 And on noisy wings, through the forests go,
 While the pine trees sigh, and the old oaks moan,
 As the beautiful leaves to the ground are thrown.

But you, standing meekly among your dead,
 Calmly lift each one, your beautiful head;
 And quietly wearing your graces all,
 Live bravely on till the Master shall call.

Oh, thus may I meekly fill out my day;
 Though friends all depart, and pleasures decay,
 The beauties of virtue abide with me still,
 And my whole spirit bow to God's own will.

The above beautiful little poem was composed by Father Lloyd, a few years ago. It was furnished us very kindly by his daughter, Mrs. Parker, residing at Van Wert, Ohio. We are very glad to have it for our columns, and we are quite certain our readers will appreciate it.

BENEFIT SALE FOR GRACE CHURCH.

For the following two days, Wednesday and Thursday, March 25th and 26th, Coverdale & Archer, the enterprising grocers on Harrison Street, will donate 5 per cent of their cash sales to Grace Church. This is a very kind and liberal proposition on the part of these men, and the members of Grace Church should not fail to appreciate their offer. Go to their store on the above dates and lay in an ample stock of groceries and ask all your friends and neighbors to do the same. We give below a special offer they are making at present, and will continue until after the 25th and 26th.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS

March 22—"Diligent in business," Prov. 6: 6-11; Jos. 2, 22: 5. Willie Walters.

March 29—Things that keep us from God. Prov. 6: 16-19; 8: 13-17. Jennie Hively.

April 5—The gift of life and how to use it. Matt 10: 34-39. An Easter topic. Josie Zartman.

April 12—Will our excuses stand? Acts 26: 19-28. Frank Hills.

April 19—What we should be doing to save the lost. Luke 15: 1-10. A Temperance topic. Ernest Close.

April 26—Choose the good part. Luke 10: 38-42; Matt. 6: 31-34. Bertha Cour.

Sabbath School.

SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

Jany. 5. Attendance	98.	Collection	\$3.68
Jany. 12. " "	163.	" "	4.78
Jany. 19. " "	133.	" "	4.55
Jany. 26. " "	139.	" "	4.87

Total, - -	533		\$17.88
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Feb. 2. Attendance	164.	Collection	\$4.00
Feb. 9. " "	121.	" "	3.01
Feb. 16. " "	131.	" "	4.09
Feb. 23. " "	90.	" "	3.07

Total, - -	506.	- -	\$14.17
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W. F. CLOSE, Sec'y.

MR. GEORGE CUDDLEBACK, of Lorain, Ohio, an uncle of Mrs. William Moore, spent a few days in the city with his friends recently. He was at our Sabbath services while here and spoke very highly of our services and of the new church.

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